



ILLINOIS GREEN PARTY

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ILGP Federal Candidate Questionnaire

Please return this questionnaire to secretary@ilgp.org or _____. Please also provide, at your nearest opportunity, a professional quality, high resolution "head shot" digital photo of yourself and a link to your campaign website.

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Office you wish to seek: _Congressional Representative Illinois 5th District

Are you a member of the ILGP? Yes No

Do you support each of the Ten Key Values—Ecological Wisdom, Social Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, Decentralization, Community-Based Economics, Feminism, Respect for Diversity, Personal and Global Responsibility, and Future Focus? Yes No
If you answered "No" please elaborate.

Do you meet all of the legal qualifications for this office? Yes No

What primary ballot (if any) did you pull in the last general primary?
_Democratic_____

Why do you wish to hold this office? I wish to advance the Green Party agenda and platform. The present Rep has voted for increases to the Defense Department, bailouts for big banks and corporations. I would like to tackle the issues of immigration, making immigration a just system. I would advance an agenda that included universal health care; forgiveness of all student debt; an end to all wars, a monetary reform that brings back the money creation power into the treasury and eliminates the federal reserve. I would advance all ecological issues so that all commerce, manufacturing, and consumption be sustainable. I support a \$15 federal minimum wage, support for union organizing, demilitarizing the police. I support an increased in VA benefits. I support a permanent UBI of \$2-\$3000 per month per person.

Why do you feel you are qualified to run?

I am not that intellectual but have studied some of these issues. I have participated in the antiwar movement since the 1980's. I have lived in this district for 22 years. I am willing to accept the help of others in understanding issues and promoting justice in all.

What are the most important issues you feel need to be addressed?

Mentioned above, ending wars, immigration, creating a green and just economy, monetary reform, ending student debt, having medicare for all along with having medicare cover 100% of health costs, including vision, dental, and mental health.

How many hours per week can you contribute to campaigning? 15-20

Does your partner/family support your run for office? Yes No although she is not enthusiastic about it.

Will you agree not to accept contributions from corporations or corporate PACs? Yes No

Will you agree to share your donor and volunteer information with the ILGP? Yes No

How would you describe your current base of support?

I'm just beginning but at this time I would say it is family, friends, and green party voters who share my views.

Please describe any volunteer experience you have with the Green Party.
Please briefly describe any other relevant experience you have had, including employment, working on other political campaigns, or other volunteer efforts:

My first campaign was with Bill Singer in the mayoral campaign around 1967. Worked in community organizing at that time in the 32nd Ward of Chicago. Worked with groups—The Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, Anti-Nuclear Group in the 80's HEAR (Help End the Arms Race). Worked in a community organization in Woodlawn, Chicago (Woodlawn East Community and Neighbors) Worked 5 years in Peru as a base community organizer, helped build a school and health clinic in the shanty towns around Lima. Worked in getting signatures for Jill Stein in the last election. I am a social worker retired from community work but still have a small private practice

Have you previously run for and/or held a public elected office? If so, please describe.

No

Please provide any other general information you feel may be appropriate.

Please briefly describe your position on the following issues:

Campaign Finance and/or Election Reform

Campaigns should be publicly funded with each candidate receiving the same amount of money. TV and radio ads should be disallowed.

Energy Policy

Need to move to sustainable, non-polluting forms of energy. Also need to reduce consumption.

Climate Change and other Environmental Policy

Policies need to be implemented to protect the environment and reduce the impact of climate change. Communities, all people, must be helped to address the economical fallout of climate change. Environment must be protected.

Economic Policy (including fiscal and monetary policy)

Need to eliminate the fed, eliminate the creation of money through private debt to the banks. Should establish a monetary commission that would determine the amount of new money to be created every year with that money being spent into the economy through state and local governments (projects) Banks should not be able to contribute to the money supply but must lend out of reserves. Debt will be paid out to banks over a period of around 100 years.

Crimes and Criminal Justice (including drug policy and gun violence)

Make holding any automatic weapon illegal. Hunting guns allowed. Through check of anyone desiring to buy a handgun, including criminal record, mental health records. There needs to be a waiting period in obtaining a handgun.

Health Care

Medicare 100% for all. Doctors are private. Government is the payor.

Human Rights and Social Justice/Equal Rights and Opportunities

Support privacy rights, the 1st and 4th amendments. Free education. See above

Immigration Policy

Needs to be just. In cases of seeking asylum people need to be treated with dignity and compassion. In cases where those seeking asylum are doing so because of US intervention, asylum should be automatically granted.

Civil Liberties, including Domestic Surveillance and Privacy, Police Violence Foreign and Military Policy, including Globalization and Trade

For civil liberties, against surveillance. It would be nice to defund all spy organizations in the government. Police are a local issue, but they should not have military equipment. Globalization is, unfortunately, a way of keeping people in slavery. Corporations go to where people are most

desperate and willing to work as if slaves. Manufacturing must pay a living wage wherever the manufacturing occurs.

Education Policy

Free education from preschool through graduate school.

Please provide short answers, and any elaboration you think is needed, on these issues:

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| Equal Rights and Opportunities for All, Regardless of Racial or National Identity, Color, Sex, Religion, Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity or Expression | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Legal Right to Choose Abortion | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Maintaining federal funding for Planned Parenthood | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Repealing the Federal Death Penalty | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Ending U.S. military intervention in the Middle East, Africa and the Ukraine | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Ending U.S. Support for NATO, rapprochement with Russia and China; nuclear disarmament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Impeaching the president if he/she orders military actions in violation of international law | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| Reducing U.S. military spending and improving spending on education, health, social programs and modernizing our infrastructure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |
| A "Green New Deal" or similar major federal initiative to support clean energy, sustainable transportation, and other strategies to combat global climate change | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Oppose | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

A ban on fracking and new oil pipelines; eliminating fossil fuel subsidies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Phasing out of nuclear power	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
A moratorium on the introduction of new genetically modified organisms until their effects have been adequately studied and safe use demonstrated; informing consumers about GMOs in food products	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Legalization of cannabis and industrial hemp and immediate suspension of enforcement of federal cannabis laws in those states where cannabis has been legalized or decriminalized	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Decriminalization of most drug offenses; treating drug abuse as a public health problem, not a criminal problem	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Reforming the criminal justice system to focus on rehabilitation, restorative justice, education and teaching living and job skills, not punishment and "incapacitation"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Cancellation or retiring of student debt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Tuition-free higher education at public colleges and universities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
"Improved Medicare for All" Single-Payer or Publicly Funded Universal Health Care System	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
A Constitutional Amendment providing that corporations do not enjoy the same rights as people and that money is not protected "speech"	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
Making the minimum wage a living wage (\$15/hour or greater)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support	<input type="checkbox"/> Oppose	<input type="checkbox"/> Other